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TAGS: ENRG, OECD

SUBJECT: PROPOSED IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING

REF: STATE 42891

1. ECON/COMMERCIAL CONSELOR, ON MARCH 3, DISCUSSED  
US PROPOSAL FOR IEA MINISTERIAL WITH AMBASSADOR SCHOBER,  
HEAD OF ECONOMIC DIVISION, MFA, AND AMBASSADOR  
SYEFFERTITZ, SENIOR ACTION OFFICER ON IEA IN MFA.

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ECONCOUNS DREW ON REFTEL TO OUTLINE REASONS FOR US

PROPOSAL AND ALSO MENTIONED OUR CONCERN REGARDING PRE-MATURE LEAKS TO PRESS (PARA 3 REFTEL.)

2. SCHOBER SAID THAT WHILE HE COULD GIVE ONLY A PRELIMINARY REACTION, HE FOUND PROPOSAL VERY INTERESTING, ESPECIALLY THE TIMING AS WELL AS UNDERLYING ASSUMPTION THAT PREPCON WILL HAVE TAKEN PLACE PRIOR TO MINISTERIAL. SCHOBER OPINED THAT PROPOSAL WAS ATTRACTIVE SINCE IT WOULD GIVE NON-PARTICIPANTS IN PREPCON SUCH AS GOA A CHANCE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AT MINISTERIAL. SCHOBER THOUGHT STATE SECRETARY VESELSKY OF FEDERAL CHANCELLERY WOULD BE A LIKELY REPRESENTATIVE FOR AUSTRIA AT SUCH A MEETING BUT THAT THIS WOULD OF COURSE BE REVIEWED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

3. BOTH SCHOBER AND SEYFFERTITZ WOUNDERED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PROPOSAL FOR MINISTERIAL AND APPARENT FRENCH INITIATIVE IN CALLING FOR PREPCON ON APRIL 7 REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS MARCH 3. THEY INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FROM THEIR VIEWPOINT TO KNOW WHAT US POSITION IS RE FRENCH INITIATIVE AS WELL AS US VIEWS ON REPRESENTATION AND ROLE OF IEA IN PREPCON. ECONCOUNS SAID THAT MINISTERIAL IS MOTIVATED BY OUR DESIRE THAT ENERGY POLICY FORMULATION REMAIN CLEARLY CONCENTRATED IN THE IEA.

4. COMMENT: SINCE STATE SECRETARY VESELSKY IS THE TOP COORDINATOR IN GOA ON ENERGY MATTERS (AND CLOSE CONFIDANT OF CHANCELLOR KREISKY), IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT SCHOBER WOULD MENTION HIM AS A POSSIBLE GOA REPRESENTATIVE TO MINISTERIAL. OTHER LIKELY CONDIDATES WOULD BE FOREIGN MINISTER BIELKA AND/OR MINISTER OF TRADE STARIBACHER. DECISION WOULD, OF COURSE, BE MADE BY KREISKY HIMSELF. HUMES

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